The standards/codes prescribed by Bureau of Indian Standards are not mandatory in nature. Provisions/specifications for use of the materials in construction of buildings, as prescribed by BIS, can be adopted by the Urban Local Bodies of State Governments, by amending their Building Bylaws.

So far as CPWD is concerned, all precautions are being taken to ensure human safety in the wake of use of glass in the office buildings/quarters, as per CPWD's Specifications and Norms by using specified thickness of the glass. Provision of structural glazing in buildings has been incorporated in CPWD plinth area rates. Structural glazing is provided only after proper design of frame work.

Infrastructure development in Bangalore

759. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has recently in a memorandum requested the Central Government to provide special package for providing infrastructure to Bangalore city under various schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. State Government of Karnataka has recently in a memorandum requested the Central Government to provide special package of Rs.8500 crore for tackling the infrastructure needs of Bangalore. The remaining Rs. 8500 crore would be mobilized by the State Government. The indicative allocation made by Planning Commission for the State of Karnataka for the period 2005-2012 is Rs. 1374.59 crore. Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the extent of Rs. 1267.26 crore has been committed by the Government of India as on 30.9.2008. This Ministry has taken up with the Planning Commission for increasing the overall allocation under JNNURM. Further, the Government of India has undertaken credit rating of cities to facilitate the cities to access funds from the market and augment their financial resources.

Substandard work by CPWD

760. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that written complaints are not being properly maintained in CPWD enquiries and more particularly at "GI" Block Sarojini Nagar;

(b) if so, action taken against responsible officers;

(c) whether a number of complaints have been received in this enquiry regarding execution of work by contractors using highly substandard material;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of cases in which CPWD engineers of this enquiry have investigated the matter on the spot;

(f) if so, whether any case of execution of work using substandard material has come to light; and